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The opening of the Great Retreat at Luxor, for the first time, to the consciousness of mankind as a whole, was an event that will not be forgotten by any of Us who were privileged to witness it. Because Serapis Bey holds the Office of Presiding Master for the Year 1952, the greatest outpouring of the twelve months takes place within this thirty-day period. For several weeks before the Retreat was opened, the Brotherhood of Luxor prepared diligently for those Guests who would come, not only from our system of worlds, but from sister systems and galaxies as well.

The Sphere of Influence of each Retreat on the planet forms a very beautiful sight when seen with the inner eye. The Retreat itself forms the Flaming Heart Center, and the concentric rings of Living Light that flow from it make it look like a veritable sun against the dark background of Earth. The quality of the service determines the color, and the radiation takes on the sound of a most exquisite melody, altogether making it, not only a joy to behold, but to contemplate as well. If it were not for these Retreats, the mankind of Earth could not have maintained their physical bodies due to the effluvia of their human creation. The number of members and residing Brothers of each Retreat, the length of time it has been established, and the momentum gathered through each member's invocation and devotion determine the size of its Sphere of Influence, so that the inner picture of each Retreat shows

a great variation in size, color and Cosmic tone, but all work together in perfect harmony, making a Cosmic picture of exquisite harmony.

When the pattern for the year is given by the Silent Watcher to Sanat Kumara, it is His responsibility to say which Retreats can best furnish the spiritual impetus which will help the individual soul to cooperate with the Divine Plan in externalizing that pattern.

From His Cosmic Consciousness, Sanat Kumara observes the revolving Earth and, against its darkness, sees the various Retreats pouring out their color, song and influence, and then, like a Master Musician pulling out the stops on a Cosmic Organ, He mutes the radiation from one and emphasizes that of another according to the need of the moment. Thus the radiation from the various Retreats becomes a symphony in the mind of the Lord of the World long before it is played, with the difference that each Retreat, instead of being an unconscious note played by a will outside of itself, becomes a voluntary self-conscious contribution to the Divine Symphony. Once He has designed the pattern for the twelve months, Sanat Kumara leaves it up to the Hierarch of each Retreat to provide the maximum outpouring by the enlisting of whatever voluntary energy He can secure from the people of Earth as well as from the active members of the Retreat.

At the close of the January Council, the Brotherhood of Luxor became the voluntary sponsors for the two thousand lifestreams who were given the first Grant by the Messengers from the Sun, and later to the two hundred thousand chosen in July, and They took it upon Themselves to open

up some of Their Council Rooms to give nightly instruction to these lifestreams. This was a very difficult assignment because the membership of this Retreat is much smaller than the others on account of the rigorous discipline imposed upon them due to the nature of its work.

When the Council moved from Mount Meru to Luxor on the night of September 14, 1952, the Lord Maitreya transferred the Directed Ray to the latter Retreat, thus making Luxor the Focus of Light which draws the consciousness of men during this thirty-day period. This caused its natural Sphere of Influence to expand as far south as the Cape of Good Hope in Africa, eastward to India, northward to include the Norwegian Peninsula and a goodly portion of Russia, and westward not quite as far as the continental United States. If we had had a Directive Center along the European seacoast, we could have carried the radiation across the Atlantic. However, the Blessing and Power of the Retreat is very active over that portion of the Earth's surface which stands badly in need of spiritual radiation today. As we still have two weeks in Luxor, we hope, by enlisting the service of more lifestreams, to increase its Sphere of Influence to cover the remaining surface of our planet.

When some lifestream draws forth enough of the Sacred Fire stamped with a certain quality, to warrant the establishment of a permanent Retreat for its radiation, he draws toward him certain lifestreams imbued with the same desire and quality of radiation, and these egos incarnate again and again, feeding their life energies into that particular focus, thus increasing the Sphere of Influence of such a Retreat or Sanctuary. When

the Cosmic Law, through Sanat Kumara, notifies the Hierarch of such a focus that He will be given the opportunity to serve a World Cause through intensifying the radiation of His particular Retreat, every lifestream who has ever contributed his energy to that partciular Quality is notified at inner levels, and he is given the opportunity of contributing his energies as powerfully as possible to push the Sphere of Influence of that Sanctuary outward as far as their united efforts can do so, to bathe both mankind and nature with its beneficent radiation. Most people, upon hearing of the opening of a Retreat, are delighted at the thought of attending, but when they are apprised of the idea that they may become contributing factors to the widening of its Sphere of Influence, the importance of their service through their attendance and presence cannot be over-emphasized. Besides the general momentum of the Retreat, the Cosmic impetus of a Directed Ray from Sanat Kumara through His representative, Lord Maitreya, was added to the momentum of each Retreat when the Cosmic Law gave the Grant that the consciousness of mankind be made acquainted with the activities from month to month, and this became a permanent Gift which is not withdrawn when the succeeding month brings in a new outpouring. You will see then, how much is accomplished by the cooperative efforts of ascended and unascended beings.

First: The Retreat and its Members are permanently benefitted by an expansion of Light through a directed Ray from the Sun.

Second: An intensification of the size of the Sphere of Influence bathes a much greater portion of the planet in Its specific

Gifts and Powers than would ordinarily be possible.

Third: The drawing of the attention of mankind to the Retreat through the magnetic pull of that Ray enables the inner bodies of millions to experience the necessary stimulus of the spiritual appetites which will work their way through the outer consciousness.

Fourth: The chelas and earnest individuals have an open door by which their faculties, powers, and free-will co-operation may tangibly forward the Divine Plan, which formerly had been closed to them by reason of the veil of their own human creation, a corner of which has been drawn aside through the Mercy and Love of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings and Love,

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The activity which will form the final state of man's expression upon the Earth being the development of the Holy Spirit within themselves, the Master Serapis invited Me to speak to the Assembly at Luxor on the Nature of the Holy Comforter, and it gives Me pleasure to record herein excerpts of My address.

When the God-Parents of our System directed the preparation of a habitable abode to be the cradle for the evolution of certain self-conscious intelligences, one of the first of Their spiritual services was to invite, from the Higher Octaves, a Representative expressing the full nature of the developed Godhead who would be a Comforting Presence to the life about to embark upon their journey to spiritual maturity.

This Being, voluntarily entering the aura of the Sun, was vested with the Cloak of the Cosmic Holy Spirit, and accepted the responsibility of providing and sustaininf the Presence of Comfort no matter how far the lifestreams might withdraw themselves from the understanding of the Nature of God. This Office has been held successively by different individuals, and at present is within My keeping. It will, one day, be given to another Intelligence who is qualified to accept and sustain God's Comfort to His creation.

It is difficult to describe in a few words the diversified activities that lie within the responsibility of the Holy Spirit, and how the